

Proposal, Suggestion or Request for Amendment to the Grant County Comprehensive Plan or Unified Development Code

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I. Please describe how the current language in the Plan or UDC affects you, your property, or your organization or agency. If your property is affected, but the address above is different from the affected property, please provide the tax parcel number(s) and location(s) of the affected property. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

The existing Shoreline Master Program (SMP) for Grant County, adopted in 1975, is required to be updated pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 173-26 WAC. The SMP establishes the goals, policies, and regulations for development activities within the shoreline jurisdiction of unincorporated Grant County.

I, the undersigned, swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the responses contained within this application are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.



Signature

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Date

Signature

Date

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Date Received: _____ Comp Plan _____ Maps _____ UDC _____ Number: _____

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CITATION TO CURRENT LANGUAGE: Please indicate which document should be amended, and where:

X Comp Plan Element (if applicable) Natural Setting Subsections Shoreline Goals and Policies
X UDC Section GCC 24.12 Subsections All
☐ Maps Title/Figure _____ Designation _____

Amendment Application Information: Any additional application supplements required in the “*Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code General Amendment Information and Procedures*” (see attached), must be included in order to submit a complete application. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for revision and resubmission. **Complete** applications must be received the Planning Department by 5p.m. March 31. Please include separate sheets as necessary.

II. Please provide a detailed statement of what is proposed to be changed and why: The proposed amendment includes the repeal and replacement of GCC 24.12 and the stand-alone SMP as well as the replacement of the goals and policies identified in the Comprehensive Plan with the goals and policies found in Section I of the Draft SMP. The updated SMP is consistent with the requirements of Chapter 173-26 WAC, and has been developed to protect shoreline natural resources, promote public access, and encourage water-dependent uses. The SMP includes new goals, policies, development regulations, environment designation maps, restoration plan, and cumulative impacts analysis (CIA).

III. Please provide a statement of anticipated impacts to be caused by the change, including the geographic area affected and issues presented: The proposed SMP will provide the regulatory framework that will apply to all development within the SMP jurisdictional area. The regulations seek to allow a wide variety of appropriate land uses within the shoreline area while providing the necessary protections of ecological functions present in Grant County to ensure there is no net loss of those functions across time. These regulations will apply to all jurisdictional waters within the unincorporated areas of Grant County.

IV. Please explain why existing Comprehensive Plan policies should not continue to be in effect or why existing policies no longer apply: The proposed amendments will replace the existing shoreline goals and policies in the comprehensive plan with the appropriate new goals and policies crafted in the new SMP. The new goals and policies support the proposed development regulations in the SMP.

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V. Please provide a statement of how the amendment complies with the Comprehensive Plan's community vision statements, goals, objectives, and policy directives: The proposed amendment will establish the new goals and policies for the development of the County's shoreline areas.

VI. Please provide a statement of how adopted capital facilities plans and transportation elements support the change: These two sections of the Comprehensive Plan are independent of the goals, policies and regulations found in the SMP.

VII. Please provide a statement of how the change affects implementing development regulations (GCC Titles 22, 23, 24 and 25) and the necessary changes to bring the implementing development regulations into compliance with the Plan: The proposed amendments will repeal Chapter 24.12 UDC and replace that section with the new SMP language. The goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan will also be updated with the goals and policies of the SMP so that the documents are consistent.

VIII. Please provide a summary of any public review of the recommended change: The supporting documents and various portions of the Draft SMP have been under review with the Planning Commission for approximately two years. During this time the Planning Commission has conducted public workshops to go through the materials and accepted public input throughout that time. Public notice of this programmatic update has been a central element of the process, individual notices were sent to all property owners within the shoreline jurisdiction on three separate occasions during the review. All members of the public that wished to be included in monthly email updates were added to a distribution list and sent emails directly informing them of new materials or Planning Commission meetings. Finally, the Planning Commission workshops were advertised in the County's paper of record, the Columbia Basin Herald, and the final notice for the Planning Commission Hearing was published in every newspaper publication in Grant County (6 newspapers).

IX. If applicable, please provide the suggested new language, and indicate where the new language should be located (if different from the citation above): Please see draft IA&C Report, Draft SMP, Draft Restoration Plan, and Draft Cumulative Impacts Analysis and other supporting documents for specific proposed language. Comprehensive Plan changes are limited to Chapter 13 "Natural Setting", UDC changes are limited to Chapter 24.12.